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Cremton Mills

[Entered for June
1864 at Bell's Pool] Merino

New Bell's Plain Va

March 30 1863

28th Dec. 1863

Dear Mr. you will
pardon this delay

you will find the same
movement of it towards
the West part -

Your pet 1864 is the first
day

4676

Camp of 16th Regt Me Vols

April 17 1863

Account of Migs from
from old Brook

Feb 1 1863 By Cash for	
supplies	1 23
16 By Cash for supplies	2 31
2 " " " "	1 75
6 " " " "	1 00
11 " " " "	1 00
17 " " " "	1 00
27 " " " "	2 25
9 th " " " "	5 00
12 " " " "	5 00
13 " " " "	1 00
March 5 one axe	3 00
Apr 14 Paid	50
Apr 17 Cash for meat	15
18 Cash for Tongues	50
18 " " "	25
18 " " "	1 10

April 14 1863

Geo A. Hutchinson Dr

Dr Pants x 3.50

x Dr Buttons x Dr

Dr Drawers .75

Daniel Small Dr

one pair of pants 4x

J. Estes

Flannels Dr

Curteens x

J. Gould

Dr

1 Curteens x

J. P. Parker Dr

1 Curteens x

x E. D. Munster

Dr

1 Blouse x

Boots

April 14 1863

Recd of Lemuel Nash

3 prs Boots

2 Shirts

1 Blouse

2 Heavy socks

3 Curteens

Boots

H. D. Mumby

Dr

1 Blouse x

x J. O. Smith Dr

1 Blouse x

x J. P. Parker Dr

1 Blouse x

X J. Estes Dr X
1 Blouse X

X J. H. Bunnys Dr
1 Blouse X

X B. F. Garcelon Dr
1 Re socks X

X Geo A Hutchins Dr
1 Pa socks X

Porter Benjamin B Crockett Dr
to 1 Haversock X

William Allen Dr
1 Pa socks X

X B. F. Garcelon Dr
to 1 Shirt X

X 12.00 X Wm Burley
Bridgton
Main

Miles X 35.00

A. M. Carr
Sabbath Mus
Main

X Peabody X 10.00

X Small 10.00
W Bowdoin Henry Thompson
Rowley 8.00

X Piper 10.00

X Cust Walden ~~20.00~~
30.00

Co. D, S. M. Reed X 6.00

Benz H. Fuller Co. D.
X 26.00

Timothy Butters D.
X 6.00

Walter C. Stark Co. D.
X 10.00

X A. Newton C.
X 12.00

W. H. Small X D.
X 4.00

X H. D. Manley
X 20.00

X Francis A. Greene C.
X 10.00

April 28 1863

Left our winter quarters
and took up our line of
march for the Resaca
Mound & arrived near
the river at night.

29 Left the Resaca
and went to Division
Hospital - 1st Division
of Corps was successful
in crossing the river
after having a hard
fight.

30 Saw a smart Ar-
tillery fight towards
night. No fighting of con-
sequence occurred.

2. One cup rescues the
river and moves up
to the right.

I rode in an Ampular
and arrived in the
south side of river
at day break of the

3. Heavy battle was
fought between
between 5 & 6 and
lasting until 8
and from which the
parties

4. Rebels made several
charges which were all
repulsed

5. Ambulances & ordered
back across the river

Mass Acct from page 1

May 16	To Sugar &c	90
22	By Cash	1.90
25	By Cash	1.15
27	By Cash for Chase	.60
1	Bought butter	50
2	Returned to Sugar	80
3	Cash	1.00
		6.95
7	Cash & Soda	20
9	Cash Silver	2.00
10	Cash for Hydes	.25
"	Cash " Sugar	.60
21	Sugar	.65
		10.50
		12.84
		828.49

- 26th January 1864
 Warm and Pleasant
 # Health good - meat issued
 Nothing unusual occurred
- 27th Fine weather Health good
 No meat today - commenced
 putting iron grating in
 the windows of the prison
 looking and thinking
 Two officers who escaped from
 the jail in Columbia were re-
 taken and arrived here. They
 were in the woods 4 weeks and
 had got within 12 miles of
 our lines. Hard case.
- 28th Very fine weather
 Boat up to City Point
- 29th Very warm for season
 Capt P. A. Maher - Be-
 lieve them escape
 drew down N

May 26th 1863
 Recd Two months
 Pay of Government \$16.74

27 th	Sent Wife	20 00
28 th	Sent Life	20 00
29	Sent Briggs	20 00
30	Sent Sister	10 00
28	bought butcher	20 00

29th Sent note to Chas
 Daffner Jr requesting
 him to pay De Bentlett
 Dan. and his Woodman
 Lane & Co. by the action
 of their agreement
 also J. D. Wilson also
 to exchange notes with
 Appleton

29 May

Sent R. P. Briggs 20.00

To pay De Kolburn

June 23 1863

Recd of L. M. Tucker 20

pro Pants 6 pro Shoes 8 pro

socks

30th Miles - Heard the govt
Ironing Rebs formed
out that Maj Bates and
Capt Putnam had escaped
and they began to stir about
quite lively - during the
melee 3 more well kept away
Roll was collected three times
could not make it come out
right. Maj Bates recaptured
and if Chickahominy

June 23 1863

+ W. P. Parker 2.00

+ Mearly Stockert

+ Hitchens 1 pair - 8.00

+ Nowin " 8.00

+ W. Davis + " 8.00

+ Jordan + " 8.00

+ Powers + " 8.00

+ Patton + " 8.00

+ Eotis + " 8.00

+ Faints + " 8.00

+ Paper + " 8.00

+ Vose + " 8.00

+ Briggs + " 8.00

+ Gardener + " 8.00

+ Potter + " 8.00

+ Minster + " 8.00

+ Conny + " 8.00

+ Hooker + " 8.00

+ W. Mearly + " 8.00

Jordan 1 Shov
 Parker - "
 Brown - "
 W. Davis - "
 my mother's - "
 my father's - "

Jan 31st Clerk ruined
 in night, Health good
 Deville to pay all day
 among the officials
 Collect roll 3 times - could
 not make it twice alike
 I went over the roof
 into the scuttle and was
 counted twice. They drove
 us into the smoking room
 and counted us and into
 the east room and counted
 us and into the west room. He
 wrote to wife

February 1 1867

A lovely all day. Health
 good. Received two letters from
 wife dated 10th and 17th all
 well. Wife had need chuck on
 N.Y. for \$171.00. Roll is called
 by driving all in to the two
 east rooms and counted going
 out. They are in a very bilious
 condition. Order must be
 stricting us to 1 letter of
 six lines each week.

2nd Pleasant Health good
 George came back from Hos-
 pital. Child refuses to
 obey the boxes until a
 written statement is received
 from Gen. MacArthur that Rob-
 prisoners receive their
 3rd Pleasant Health good

4th Cold in morning, pleasant
in P.M. Health good - Suffering
with jumping toothache
But quiet in our windows

5th Colder and clearer - Health
good. Chamberlain sick

6th Clearly looked like rain
Health good - Capt Ivis
and Reed with Maj Sterling of
Hookers staff were sent to
Salisbury N. C. as hostages.
Capt Johnson missing - heard
from Bull Cells but did not
find him

7 Cold and raw - Health
good - Great excitement & proceeds
in R. A heavy Federal force is
reported to have landed at
White House. Troops are mov-
ing through the city to
drive back the Yankees.
write to wife

Jackass battery went
down over 2nd class
militia went down by
company by section by
file and single - Officers
bellowed and cheered at
them as they passed
One fellow raised his gun
and snuffed a cap. Whether
it was loaded or not, is
only a matter for conjecture
A cavalry man passing at
the gallop received a
salute nearly compli-
menting - he turned in his
saddle raised his carbine
to 'aim' and did not fire
Altogether it was not pleas-
ant for the cavalry to pass
Old Libby The Officers dis-
played a great desire to
hear the Thunders of the

areal common I think
it would indeed be mur-
der. It has been reported that
a skirmish has occurred.
We hardly dare to hope that
it is any thing more than
a raid or reconnaissance.
But we hope, hope, hope
it belet and somewhat
cloudy. Health good.
Boat at City point. Ten
tons of boxes arrived in
waiting for officers. A
few old boxes were partially
issued. They act like us
though they were trying all
ways to put us to inconvenience
and to put stumbling
blocks in the way of all
conceivable arrangements
for exchange I hope and
trust that they will

some time ^{Paroled}
I see matters in a differ-
ent light. It is reported
that our forces in the
peninsula have fallen
back. It is conjectured
that the object of the
move was to advance
our lines from them up
the Peninsula. It is to
be hoped that such is the
case as it would greatly
facilitate the escape of
prisoners deserters and
others who wish to get in
even of our lines.
The let and discomfort
the closely and looks
like snow towards eve
Exchange and every thing
in state. Give

July 1st 1863

took part in the battle
of Gettysburg and was taken
prisoner at 5 o'clock and
went to the rear.

2nd remained in the rear of
the Reb Army during the
day. A very fierce battle
was fought near Gettysburg.

3rd remained the same
as yesterday.

4th same

5th Took up the march for
Williamsport. Had reached
Montez Spring at 12 at
night after a hard
march through mud and
rain - began the march 8
again - wet through in the
morning.

5th Started from Montez
6th at 11 o'clock and passed
on down the mountain to
Richville where we made a
halt until 5 o'clock when
we moved on again in the di-
rection of Williamsport - passed
through Waynesburg at
twilight. Marched all night
and ~~at 10~~ and until 1 o'clock
and 30 minutes of the

7th near Williamsport where
we lay the remainder of
the day. At night it
rained and all got wet.
We passed through the field
where the Confederates fought
on the eve of the 6th. Saw 5
dead bodies of Union sol-
diers a part of them were
mutilated.

8. Crossed the Atmanee
in the morning in ^{small} ferry boat
after a few loads the rope
pulled and delayed business
somewhat - We lay upon
the bank of the river next
the town all day. We are
living upon $\frac{1}{2}$ rations now
all we draw is fresh beef
and flour.

9. Moved from opposite Ft.
at 4 o'clock and marched
3 miles south of Martins
burg arrived at 12 M.
night - place Rock Spring

Friday

10. Marched at 9 o'clock passed
through Burner Hill
arrived at 4 at Big Spring and
camped for the night. It is
the most splendid watering
place that I ever saw.

We were marched with
great consideration. The day
was very hot and sultry. We
were allowed a rest of 15 m.
each hour.

Saturday -

11. Remained at same
place all day - got quite
well rested.

12. Started at 12 and
two miles south of Win-
chester where we joined
the Confederates and
camped for the night.
Cloudy.

Sunday

13. Started at 9 o'clock
remained in torrents for
several hours - crossed
a creek above the Blue
camped near Strasburg.

Tuesday

- 14 Comm marched out. Arrived
near Mr Jackson at 5
and went to the camp

Wednesday

- 15 Started at 6 and march-
ed 13 miles and went into
camp near ~~Harrison~~ at
New Market

- 16 Marched at 6 and march-
ed 19 miles and went into
camp at 4 miles Harris
burg - rained copiously
in the night

10th February 1864 - Clean and cold - Health
good. Last night 109 officers made their es-
cape from Libby and the plot was not discov-
ered until Roll Call. A hole was dug from
the base ment of the East Section through
into an open shed in the west but a distance
of Sixty feet. It was not discovered until quite
late in the day. The guards were surprised
and were put under arrest and searched
for Green Books or other evidences of their
complicity in the plot. They were locked
in Castle Thunder but were released
when the means of escape was ascertained.
There were acceptances before night and
put in the cell. Great excitement prevail-
ed among the officials of the prison.

as well as among the inmates of the
prison. Large bodies of troops were put in
motion 11th. More pleasant very cold night
last night. Health good. Worked on barn
22. Rebels have been recaptured up
to sunset - several have been killed &
wounded on both sides. Those that are retaken
are put in the cold dark cells without
blankets with one Confederate bread for
feeding and water for drink. No meat
issued.

[12th] Fine weather. Health good. The pur-
sue of the absconding officers still goes on
with ^{no meat} unabated zeal several have been
brought in to day. Blood hounds are used

[13th] Very fine weather. Health good - about 20
officers have been recaptured. no meat

Recd letter from wife - one from Ft
Munroe

[14th] Fine weather Health good. 4th officers
have been recaptured to this time. Col. Watts
of the 4th Virginia Cavalry gave his men orders
to shoot all escaped prisoners that they may find
we will not forget his kindness. ~~the~~ meat
to day. Wrote to wife & little ones, love them

[15th] Cloudy and cold - snowed at night -
no more captures to day. No meat to day
Health good. Rumored that our rations are
to be reduced

[16th] Cleared away in morning - quite cold
Health good. Saw meat instead of
bread. No meat - visible action of

breach. a patrol was established at
night - passing through all the rooms
of the prison every two hours during
the night - The stinks from the wards were
arranged so as to be taken away
at night. This is the effect it is said
of a note sent to Maj. Sumner saying
that if our boxes were not issued he might
wake up some cold morning and find
his throat cut. Master Haines re-
quested a friend of his to call on him. He did
take his day's action to him and got
him to take them to the Secretary of War
and Gen Winier Result - extra
bread sent daily

[17] Very cold - Health good. Aggregate
of our men died last night 34.

Average 20 per day. No meat - double
ration of Bread.

[18] Very cold. Said to be colder weather
than has been experienced for twenty years.
Health good. Boat up. Must ignore
Gen Scumman arrived at this hotel.
Seven men this today since I have been
here.

[19] Very cold - men frozen over. Health
good. Boat still at City Point. Exchange
stock coming up. Spenced Deaton moving
at Castle Thunders as a spy. No more.

Feb 20 1864. Very cold in morning - more moderate towards night - clear - Health good. Paper states that several conscripts died from effects of cold last night.

We hear that no more boxes will be brought until a settlement of existing difficulties. The big difficulty is this - The Rebs claim to have been informed that the stores sent to their prisoners are not deliveries. This I imagine is only a pretext - They then inform our Government that our boxes will not be deliveries until they have a satisfactory answer - a verbal answer only is required by next boat that answer comes then that would not do - a written statement must be made - Two loads of boxes were on board - soon came the statement required by Gen.

Butler. (Our people had been hounded to send the third load of boxes) This could not be accepted because Butler was an outlaw. So the thing is at an end until the Rebs recognize Butler or our Government withdraws or surrenders him. Meanwhile we are like to get hungry unless some action is taken upon one side or the other. If the Rebs take Butler then the exchange is likely to take place. No more.

21 More moderate, cloudy with rain. Health good wrote to wife. No meat issued. No news relative to exchange.

Peaked beans for breakfast - We have them every Sabbath morning. A loaf of bread is issued each day to a man.

22 Feb 1864 Weather more moderate
Bright & healthy good love must
Society of Boxes arrived from City point
23) Very nice weather clear - Healthy
good. sweet issues. commenced to
issue boxes - whole contents good
Some boxes have been added.
24 Magnificent day - Healthy good
Boxes being issued - sweet issued
Capt Wentworth's Red. two boxes from
Boston containing. Ham, Soup - Cheese - Sawage
fish. Come in good time must issues
25th Pleasant, Healthy good Received two
two letters from wife - boxes out sent.

Trice Boat arrives at City Point.
26th Pleasant - Healthy good - Stairs to the
dining room were fixed to take down at night
a sentinel is kept in the dining room at
night and one in the Hospital day & night
Officials are very much frightened
27 Pleasant - Healthy good - Agitated
Search was made for this purpose we were
all driven to the dining room and kept
standing 4 hours - some without - then break
fast - all our Hatches - Hummers - files
were confiscated - Some of the gun work was
stolen - the pistol was found it is said. - No
Embarks - Ordnance - or Light Artillery was
found Another consignment of boxes
arrived from the "So Called" United States

28th Warm and Pleasant. Heard the good - Orders
were issued to the guard to ~~allow~~ out to allow
us to look out at the window or to put our
hands upon the bars. Another flag of Truce
up. Fleet Buster Capt 10th Mass went away
no meat issued - wrote to Briggs & wife
29th Cloudy - received a little something of more
than usual interest transpired. No meat
issued. a roasting of potatoes were issued
yesterday and today. Heard the good
Musk P^{er} 1864 - Cloudy with some rain. Heard the
good. An order was recd from Maj Sumner
warning us that all clothing hanging outside
of the building would be confiscated, also
that we were not look out of the window

or put our hands in the grating as
the guards had orders to shut. About noon
being in the sink I heard the report of a gun
looked and saw the guard some ground
curtle lightning at double quick and there
another shot. I have it proves to be that
a man put his head out at the window
in the prison where the Federal deserters
are confined and the guard shot him
I turn out that the man shot was one
of their own men, a detective employed
about the premises. This morning the
papers stated that our Cavalry in two
columns were advancing one in the
direction of Charlottesville and the other

Towards Hagerman Junction. This afternoon
a member of the Harris Light Horse Regt
in horse and all and stated that the Div-
ision was but a few miles from us.
Something is to be expected as the bells have rung
the alarm and the militia are assembling
and the Jackass Batteries have
gone out. Three Regts of old troops were
seen to march up Main St a short time
ago - 5 P.M.

March 2^d 1864 Fine weather. Health good.
City in a state of excitement last night. Sparks
are all out - no was report this morning that
a hole was dug last night in the cellar
and a large quantity of powder put in
for the purpose of blowing up the prison

If our friends should attempt an
insurrection - late in the day the Inspection
detachment stood in the presence of several
officers that a thousand lbs of powder
was in the cellar ready to destroy what
our troops take the city. Many officers
disbelieve this thinking that they were
trying to frighten us. Indeed it is hard to
believe that officials of a pretended
civilized nation could be guilty of so
diabolical a plan to murder unarmed
prisoners. But I believe that the powder
is actually there but whether they would
dare to set fire to it is only conjectured.
It was very pleasant when we laid down

March 4th 1863 fine weather. Health good. The riot is a failure. A. C. Phelps says the misadventure was in consequence of Butters' foresight to make the connection agreed upon. The papers in comment the blowing of the rioters from the cannon's mouth and to secure the body of Col. Dalghren killed. They publish orders sent to be taken from the person of Col. Dalghren giving directions to kill Davis & his subordinates to burn all mills and public property. Fitzpatrick has joined Butters and is to remain in his department until a while.

3rd Remained in night fine today Health good. The harmonies of Ringold Buttolph was greeted at by the guard while in snick and

The bull just grazed his ear. Men escape. A flag of truce up with 600 men and 62 officers. More hope.

6th Fine Health good. A boat is up with 800 men and 62 officers. Great excitement in Libby. All sorts of rumors prevail.

The Conflict officers met as in past. ^{wrote to wife} Through the street this P.M. They looked neat and comfortable - well clothed.

7th Officers were subjected for exchange. Capt. Wentworth of my mess was one of the fortunate ones. Capt. Wood was sent back after going in the office.

8th March. ~~8th~~ Rain in morning
Health good. Boat load of boxes ar-
rived - no news of consequence
9th Foggy in morning - a very fine spring
like day - Health good. Assurances
are given that the Exchange is really
going on. Although they say that Butler
is not recognized, but among the
Chief Detectives was detected in
treasonable correspondence.
10th Rainy day. Health good. no news of impor-
tance. Today employed myself with the papers
11th Fine weather. Health good. The officers
captured on the late raid and the officers

of negro regiments who were with
us were taken with the same negroes
and put in close confinement in a room
made yesterday in the dining room
11th Cloudy. Health good. Recd two letters from
wife written the 14th & 21st and received 22 both
wife must have been sick with Diphtheria - better
Mrs. Keen dead. Great hope of exchange

12th A most beautiful day - warm and sunny
Health good. No boat arrived yet - letters
received of the 8 give rather a gloomy coloring
to the exchange - I felt as though that if Butler
was willing we might all be released on
the same terms of the last Boat load
which established a precedent. I feel very
angry sometimes - perhaps without cause

13th Fine weather Health good - matters look
more cheerful this morning. About is up
with a load of prisoners - wrote to wife.
14 - Nice weather Health good - 42 officers
were sent south this morning. Gen Dow & Dr.
Capt Sturges were among the number - Exchanging
looks promising now. ^{order to write no more than}
15th Cold and windy - no news ^{24 lines received} Health good
16th Cold and windy - no news Health good
17 more pleasant Health good
18th Pleasant - Health good - nothing of
consequence transpired ^{hope is strong that}
we will be exchanged in a few ^{weeks} prospects
dear. 19th Cold - Health not quite as
good as usual rec'd letter from wife
and one from Anne Boat expected

20 Rainy - Health not good Boat
up - ground frozen and stuck at Kopp
in furr. The guards snatched their pieces
several times during the day. 63
21 Cold - Health not good ~~42~~ officers were
sent away this morning wrote to wife
22nd Cold and uncomfortable - Health not good
All are now quite confident that we are
to be exchanged in a few weeks About 25
boxes were issued ~~for tobacco~~
23 Snow storm 4 inches - Health better
ment is now issued every day a feet
which goes to show that they expect to
exchange us and wishes to tell as good a
story as possible

24 Cold and raw - Health good -
no news of importance.

25 rainy day - Health good - Each
one is now looking forward to the
arrival of Boats with cargoes of
provisions - The days seem to be weeks
and the hours days

26th More pleasant - Health good -
spirits also good - Recd letter from wife
also two from J. C. Humphreys of Boston - direct
me to receive the boxes he meant to send west.

27th Pleasant weather - Health good - I am still
uncomfortable Saturday

28th Pleasant - Health good - write to wife

29 Cloudy and uncomfortable - Health good -
no boat yet - Shooting shot by the guard in.

The building across the way.

30 Cloudy and cold - Health good - river full.

31 Cloudy - warmer - Health good - River very high

It is reported that Oulel and Hatoke have
gone to Fort Snelling to treat with Gen Butler
- I am very hopeful that they will be able to
make an arrangement for exchange. It looks favorable
that the Rebel Commissioners should go
to Gen Butler. We get great news nearly every day
here. all the corn bread and meal that we wish
for - and indeed within a few days they have sold
our surplus meal and bought flour bread -

April 1st 1864 Cloudy - Health good - river falling
rapidly - no news - 12th rainiest last night and
showers this morning - 3 inches fell. ceased
to storm at noon - Health good - no news
from Commissioners Oulel

April 3 - Cloudy and a new wind - Health good
Much anxiety but not news in regard to ex-
change - General Hunt orders to shoot any one
who should throw any thing from the ship
Now 4th rising - Health good - papers here
it that Oulet has ^{wrote to City} got back from Fort
Munroe and that an exchange had
been agreed upon - though as the thing
lays in terms which causes the loves
of this country great mortification.
05th Rising and cold - Health good - cannot
to go out now but continuing slowly
6th Rising in A.M. Sun came out at noon
Health good. No Boat on expected
7th Fine weather warm Health good

Two boats up at City Point - Received
one of Capt Wentworth's boxes
It contained 24 cans milk & 4 Hams
about 12 lbs sugar - White about 6
lbs Butter and some cheese & 200 Kibbles
I think it an accident that it was
issued. 8th Looks like more rain - Health
good. Men that in Castle Grenadier
9th Dump and rising - in evening thunder &
lightning and pouring rain - Health good
10th Cloudy but warm
Health good - river rising rapidly in
morning - It seems as though the fates were
against us for while it is declared that
the castle is resumed the continued high
water prevents the boats from running

between Richmond and City points - the day
seems weeks in duration - but looking
back over the weeks and months which
have passed away since then it seems
only like a dream, a mere scrap of time
in which nothing has been accomplished.
In appreciation of those dark days the
week the second to link its influence with
Rebel barbarism for the purpose of making
us more uncomfortable - one day rainy with
high wind - then with calm with a breeze of
air moving - not enough to cleanse the air
in our stench box of a prison - next cold and
windy compelling us to close our windows &
be comfortable - But while there is life hope
still exists

11th Health good - River very high this morning
- The street and basement of prison sub-

merged - driving the sentinels off
their posts - nets were plenty on the river
pile - timber and lumber off all
kinds floating down the river and several
two steamboats anchored off in
the river in the edge of the Island
12. Cloudy - Health good. A terrible deed
was done about 9 o'clock - The new guards
were drawn up before the prison and were
loading their pieces - one while in the act
of putting on the cap his charges fired
piece and instantly killed at fourth
of the 100th Ohio Vols. and wounded two others
A general feeling of sorrow and sadness
prevailed the prison. He was one of the bravest

by his acquaintance and associates.
My blood almost boils with hate for the per-
petrators of this deed of damnable dark-
ness which is the softest blood which can
be well to characterize it. No news - it is
13th Cloudy Health not very good. No news - it is
indeed discouraging the manner in
which matters go. 14 Cloudy Health
not very good - no news - a commotion
was chosen and drifted as a solution
relative to the death of St. Francis
15th Cloudy Health not very good - yesterday
they told us that the sick were going
to day - to day they say they are going to
improve of the weather permit
St. Temple, bought a pair of new shoes

for 80.00 St. Nee paid 96.00 for a new
Butter is 20.00 per pound
16th Rained last night & today. Today Health good
The boat got off about 10 o'clock with the sick
enlisted men. Appearances are hopeful for
all to get off in about three
17 Pleasant Health good
18 Cloudy " " Sweet of
Bryson arrives Boat expected
19 Clearish - sunny Health good
20 Bryson leaves " Bryson issued
21st Pleasant Health not very good
22nd Very fine weather - Health not good
23rd Warm and pleasant " " "

Buty 1/1 Mess

To fund for Gen Mess 5.00

Cabbage of Col. Giddens 50

Tomatoes " " 1.50

To buy Coffee 8.00

" " Carrots 50

" " Peppers 50

" " Tomatoes 1.50

Black paper 1.00

Onions 8.50

75 new member 16.50

Private messes

pt Lilou Onions 1.00

Mess acct 1.75

pt Col. Moffet 1.75

Sugar 3.00

Eggs 2.00

Mess 1.50

pt Col. Sanderson 6.50

Sugar 4.00

Eggs 2.00

Mess 1.00

Mess 1.50

8.50

pt. Stevens

Sugar

4.00

Eggs

4.00

Bread

1.00

Mess

2.00

pt. Stevens with Sugar

12.00

Bread

1.00

Mess

75

pt. Stevens with Sugar

2.75

Mess

2.00

pt. Williams Sugar

8.00

pt. Chew Bread

2.00

Mess

1.50

pt. Kibben Sugar

6.50

Mess

2.00

pt. Daring Cakes

1.00

Mess

75

pt. Childs & Tobacco

1.50

paper & Envelopes

1.00

Mess

75

pt. Capt. Starn Mess

3.25

pt. Giddens mess

1.50

Chiles	cr	47
Stur		95
William		50
Sanchez		25
Wickham		25
Deering	Dr	25
Spufford	cr	50
Gibens	cr	<u>2.00</u>
"	Dr	<u>21.70</u>
Col Gilder	Dr	7.30
Stevens		30

Col Gilder	Dr	Be
By Cash		7.00
" Cash		25
" Cash		1.75
" Cash		<u>50</u>
Go Mess	1.50	<u>2.50</u>
Remits	<u>1.00</u>	
	<u>2.50</u>	

Diary 1864

Jan 1st 1864 This is my resolution
that I will henceforth keep
a daily record of current
events when it is possible for
me to do so.

Today finds me in Libby
Prison. Richmond where
I have been since July 18
and have been a prisoner
since July 1st 1863

Last night was the coldest
any, cleared away this
morning clear and bright
all day but cold. The day
perfect about as usual
all who could make a
better dinner than usual
the best chicken for dinner
Dancing in the evening
in dining room. We were
allowed to burn our lights

until 11 o'clock.

Henceforth we are to keep
our lights until 8 1/2 o'clock
instead of 9 as heretofore.
In the evening an officer
disguised himself and
dressed in citizens clothes
conducted another officer
around the rooms who
was dressed in women's
clothes. It created a
large sized sensation.

2 Last night coldest of the
season. Water all start
off to keep the pipes from
freezing. Water is brought
into the Basement by the
darkies and we go there
for it. Exchange stock
quite low again.

3 Jun 1864

Very cold last night
Clear and cold this morn-
ing - water still shut off
disruption in R.M.
A & joined C - a mess
maj & C alone. Scam - n with
Pols. Cold day outside,
comfortable inside. I
have comfortable bed
and sleep warm
Clearly in evening

- 4 Milton - Clearly all day
Receives letter from home
date 15th wrote Home
(warn my letter under seal)
walked all day on bone
5th weather more mild though
clearly a part of the day. No unusual
occurrences to day. Exchange stock
a little more brisk

Jun 6th Clearly in morning snowed
a little in P.M. cold. A list
of the names were called off
and verified. It is thought
by some that this is an indication
of Exchange soon. A good joke
was perpetrated upon some
officers when they perceived that
the clerks, Higgins and others
stood by and directed them
up stairs to Col Cavada for
the purpose of signing the
parole, it sold many.

✓ 7 Cold and stormy - snowed
at night. Latouche told
Col Cesnola that he did not
know where the next word
of word was coming from
also that their quarters had
down no need for 5 days
Breast alone (not well)

Jan 1864

- 8th Cold & ~~winterish~~ stormy
feels small headache -
Nothing unusual to R
Place
- 9 Clear & cold. Health better
Gen Mangum - Gen A.P. Hill
Congressman Bruce of
Kentucky, arrived & visit
to the prison. Mangum
is a fine looking man
- 10 Very cold - write to
wife
- 11 More mail - Sun shone
bright through the
day - Health not good
Head feels best
- 12th Quite Pleasant. Health
quite poor - best head
considerable loud talk
concerning Col Sanders
conduct on the Island

- 12th ✓ Near midnight the most
loud cries of murder
outside
- 13 Warm - arrived in P.M.
Health better. Indignation
meeting held in which res-
olutions were passed re-
flecting severely upon the
conduct of Col Sanders
in fact they re-negate him
as a traitor. Capt Metcalf
paroled. Maj Jones ^{CSA} made a
visit to the prison. He was
sent on by U.S.G. to be exchanged
for Maj White which the C.S.G.
refused and tomorrow he
goes back to camp twenty
- 14 Warm - cloudy towards night
rained in night - Health better
work on Knaggs ring, Truce
Boat arrived at City Point
Some prisoners tried escape
& failed

Jan 14th Prisoners got in a guard
Col J. furnished Dining. Children
and ^{each} ~~ward~~ worth \$80.00 Confess

15th Warm and pleasant Health
quite good. Cpts Metcalf &
Luigs were promoted and sent
off. Saw a boy with bag pick-
ing up the bread thrown into
the street by the prisoners &
He carried it away.

Paint 1.00 for five small apples
Apples \$50.00 per barrel.

16th Warm and pleasant Health
quite good Boat load of boxes
arrived which made us quite
jubilant No news on the
Exchange question

17th Pleasant & warm Health
good - Chandler came into
our mess - wrote to wife
No meat issued no rice
Boxes not issued until
the Rebs know whether there
are or not

18th Jan. 1864

Cloudy in morning rain in
evening. Health good
Col & Howard made their plan
to escape at 12 last night
but at the last moment
their hearts failed them
Six months today since we
have been in Libby

No meat or rice rations today

19th Cold and windy - Health
good Received letters from
wife B. O.H. - L. - Hannibal & No
meat rations today Exchange
stock low. Small prospect of
Exchange News from home en-
couraging Pd 4.00 for doz eggs

20th More pleasant - Health good
Tence Boat signalled
No meat issued today
No news Flan 1.00 loaf

21 Pleasant and warm in Sun
Health good - work on paper knife
No meat for six days - some
of the men removed to Belle
Isle from building opposite.
Crutens are used to grate
up the corn bread which
we draw and then a little
flour being mixed with it
it is quite palatable. Wrote
to Miss Blake giving infor-
mation concerning her Brother.

22 Comfortable. Health good
eyes so sore that I could
not work. No meat issued
A member of Congress made
a visit to the prison
this a member of a com-
mittee to inquire into
The commissary depart-
ment for prisoners. He told
Gen Dow that the bread that
we receive was not fit

for human food.
An order was issued that
there should be three depart-
ments made of the prison by
railing up the chors between
the rooms. It was finally
modified so as to only have
two departments viz. Straights
& Military in one and Potomac
& Chickamauga in the other.

23 Very fine weather like our
Indian summer in
Maine. Sun bright with no
cloud visible during the
day. Health good except eyes
Red & protruding a Battery just
over the river interested me
somewhat watching the shells
explode. I think that the most
exquisite music that I could
hear would be the sound of
Federal cannon.

Towards night about 100
officers were promenading
in the dining room and
singing John Brown and
Union Songs - When the of-
ficers of the Prison paraded
upon them and made them
stand in line until 9 1/2 o'clock
no more.

24 Very fine and pleasant
Health good - Meat issued -
I feel uneasy - I don't like this
Hotel, and if such a thing is
within the bounds of reason
I will change my quarters
When I look forth upon the
beautiful sunshine I feel
that I am losing much of
life and enjoyment & health
by confinement in this dark
unwholesome place.

Many persons were in the
street waiting about for the
burial of seamen the tanks

25 Pleasant and warm -
Health good - Meat issued -
A few steel boxes issued
Content that had not been
stolen was mostly spoiled
worked on knife - Many
officers are on prison
duty - I heard col S. say
that there were but 100 graves
on Belle Isle ^{between} 500 & 600 have
died up to Nov 1st in hos-
pitals here - deaths run
10 per day

April 16 1863

Paid for purchasing
insurance for hotel

85.00

April 16th

Cash on hand \$21.00

name is null

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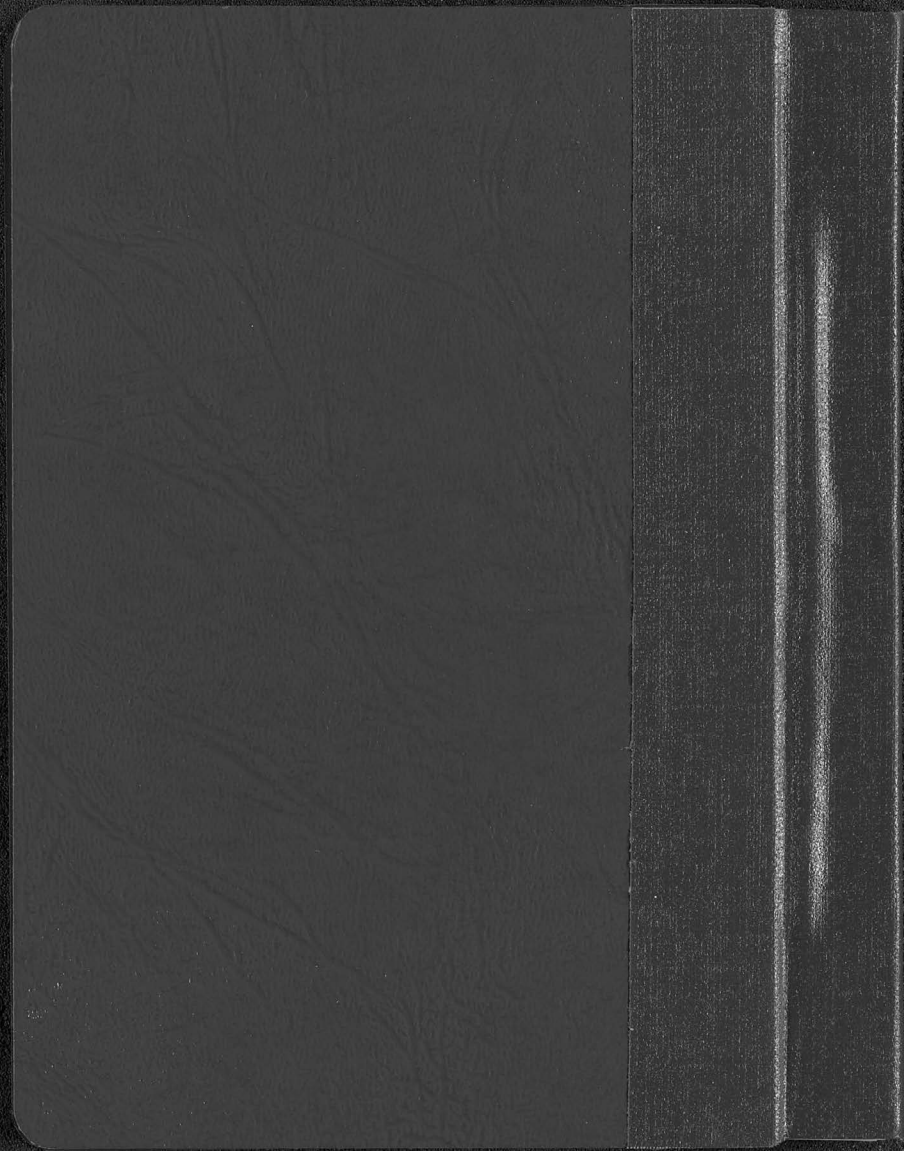
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to protect my feet. Shoes are 100, in
for pair. I purchased two doles of
money yesterday by giving my note
for fifty Greenbacks. No more from
any source whatever to day. A few
more barrels of meat. There are nine of
horses brought. A billet thrown into
camp from outside which said
"All will be well in a few weeks"

30th Warmer than yesterday. At least the
same. The first of the afternoon at 11
mington is in our possession. Report
that another exchange is to come off
soon. There is a great amount of
feeling for the chance. Some are trying
to get into the hospital others are bring-
ing. But offering for a chance of exchange
I think I shall try the morning or if
I can to the town of 1000. Grunted
at least. Other for them the current
case of the contract. I can hear the
Rivelle tent in the morning. Some
house from town down for exchange.

31st Raining in morning. A little warmer. Clear
of at night very cold. No signs of improvement
primary quarters. Good day 1864 with good
very clear & bright.

Diary Dec. 20th 1864.

Rained some in the morning. Cleared off
during the afternoon cold and windy. grew
very cold until night. fog considerably
during the night. much suffering from
cold. I passed the night very comfortably
in one of the barracks. Had the same
Good morning. Thomas - his shipped
thrust again taking 48 pieces of artillery
and 5000 prisoners. Nothing from the
quarters. Write to wife.

22nd Very cold. slept in tent. uncomfortable
able to keep covering about to the
warm. Day slept with one clear. 3
buildings burnt in sight. Mass from
the arrives first into every thing is
working well. The air is getting
hard hit on all sides.

23rd Very cold during the day. a snow
fell last night 3/4 of an inch in thickness.
Clear and cold all day. night was
as cold as last night. The same
as usual. Good news. Savannah was
evacuated last Thursday night. so that
it is in our possession. every thing seems to be
working well. Exchange seems to be in
a full. Rumor that the 1000

be willing to parole us and let us go
home if we would petition to that ef-
fect. I place no reliance in it. Rumor
says that Stoneman is making a visit
in the direction of Danville Va.
A letter from Danville says that
about fifty of our captured officers
are at that place. Maj. Kautsch's Lieut
Hunt Capt. Littlefield of Maine are
at Saratoga both for parts and
\$5.00 per pack potatoes 22.00 per bush
a toothbrush costs 11.00 - Butter 12.00 per lb
meat 50c per lb. Gold one dollar brings
3.00 - silver 2.00 or 2.50 for
but 10 or 12 outside

24th Very fine day - warm in some places
of day. Health quite good. Report
that 200 officers were to be ex-
posed over - turkeys selling at 30c
a piece for Christmas. A new of im-
portance from the army.

25. Cloudy & cold - very comfortable
Had a very cheap Christmas
dinner a good beef soup and mince
cups for dinner. A new of im-
portance from the army.
all day in it. slept comfortably

Rumor that we were to be moved to
Saratoga. Stoneman is said to be
on the way back again. Plan on
26th Cloudy & foggy all day. The sun
once - Howard's army retreating southward
Howard's conduct censured by the press
Stalworth is reported to be marching
on Branchville - fighting at Wilming-
ton. Health good.

27th Cloudy & foggy in the morning
Howard in P. M. Rumor that
he was to be moved from this place. I
Wilmington has just reported captured
Murphy & companions. Howard is
after having nearly exhausted his
and suffering everything but death
Branchville is said to be threatened.

28th Fair weather. Health good
Got a paper - paid 100. Our naval
fleet engaged at Hatteras at Wilmington
yesterday - no result - paper says that
immediate danger is past.

29. Windy and cold - suffered for the
want of clothing by day and by cold
at night - I have nothing but a pair
of cloth slippers which I made